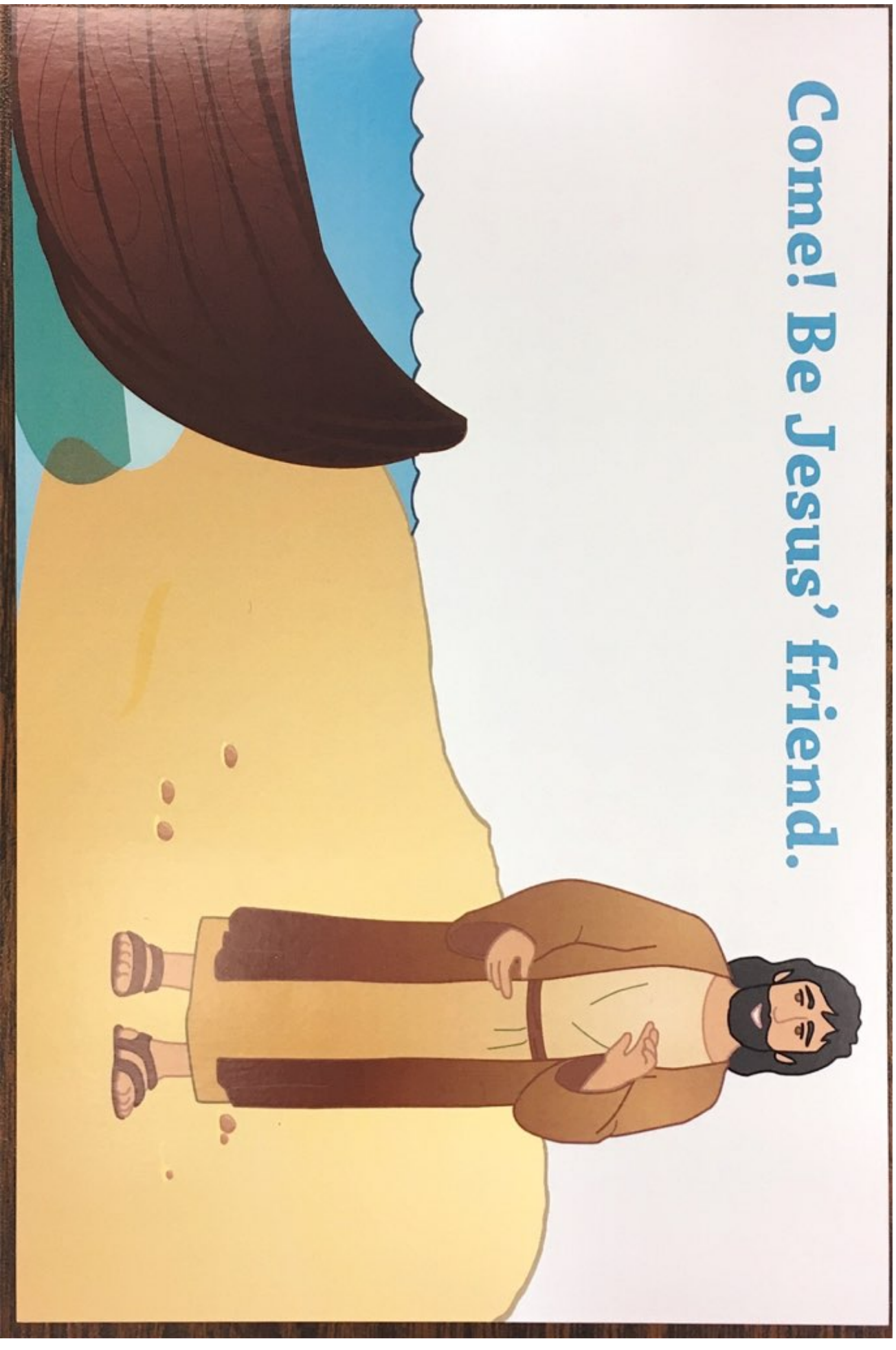


Come! Be Jesus' friend.



Peter, Andrew, James, and John

Matthew 4:18-22

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (vv. 19-20)*

Jesus walked by the blue water of the sea.

Jesus saw Peter and Andrew throwing their fishing nets into the water.

Jesus said, "Come, Peter! Come, Andrew! Be my friends.

We will tell people about God."

Jesus saw James and John fixing their fishing nets.

Jesus said, "Come, James! Come, John! Be my friends.

We will tell people about God."

Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets and were friends with Jesus.

At home:

Do the action rhyme with your child.

(Motion "come" as you say the word.)

Jesus said to Peter, "Come! Be my friend."

Jesus said to Andrew, "Come! Be my friend."

Jesus said to James, "Come! Be my friend."

Jesus said to John, "Come! Be my friend."

Jesus says to me, "Come! Be my friend."



Eating with friends



Martha and Mary

Luke 10:38-39

He entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

Martha and Mary were sisters.

They lived together in the same house.

Jesus and his friends traveled to the town where Martha and Mary lived.

Martha said, "Come! Visit us in our home."

Jesus, Martha, and Mary are together.

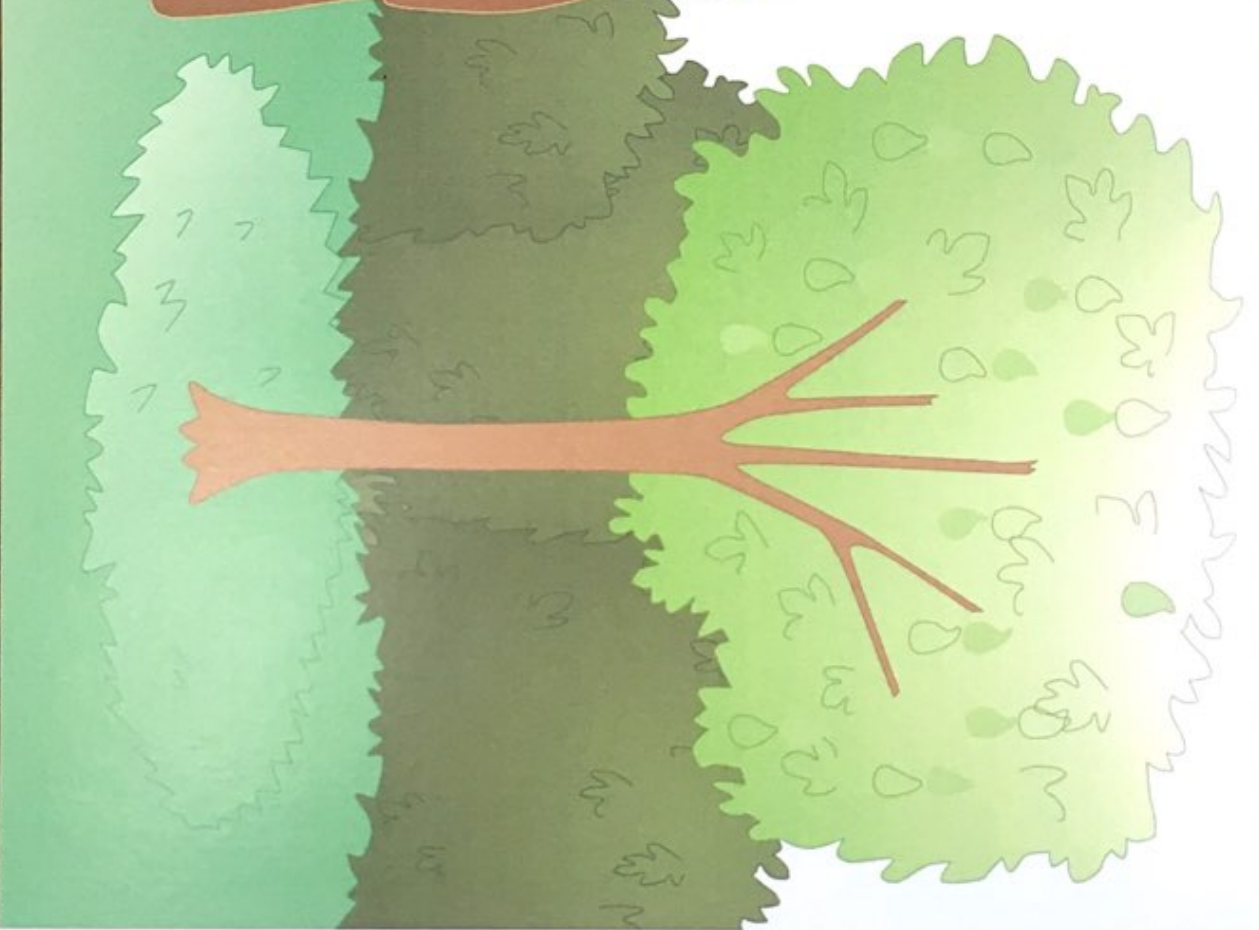
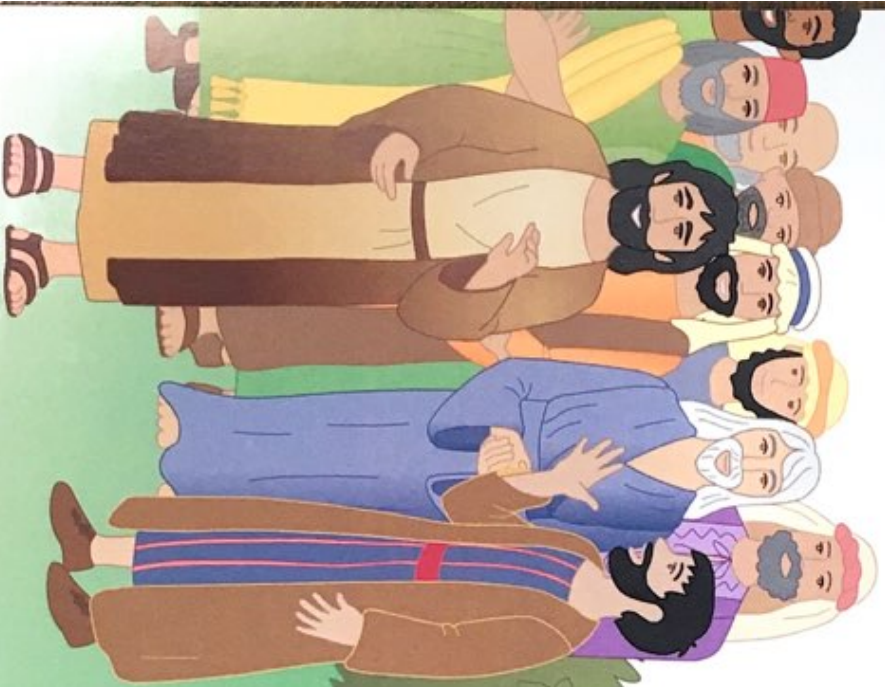
Jesus, Martha, and Mary talked to each other and listened to each other.

At home:

- Serve your child a special snack on the plate in the picture.
- Have your child draw or glue pictures of favorite foods on the plate.
- Invite a special friend to your house and let your child help with the preparations. Talk about how we like to eat with friends, talk to them, and listen to them.



Friend Zacchaeus



Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-6

[Zacchaeus] was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him . . . When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."
(vv. 3-5)

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus could not see over all the tall people.

Zacchaeus climbed a tree so he could see Jesus.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree.

Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, come down! I'm going to visit you today."

Zacchaeus climbed down and said, "Jesus, please come to my house."

At home:

Jesus formed relationships with many people thought unimportant in his time, including children, women, and tax collectors. Jesus is the model for us as we spend time with children, showing respect for them as people. Take time to respond to your child. Look your child in the eye. Listen to what your child is communicating.

